

## DELEGATES VOTE AGAINST UNION OF GERMAN AND ENGLISH SYNOD

The committee of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri appointed to confer with a committee of the German Synod on the question of union of the two bodies reported yesterday afternoon against the proposition, and this recommendation was adopted unanimously by the delegates.

The German Synod, at its session in Detroit recently, adopted a resolution showing its willingness to admit the members of the English Synod to its organization with the stipulation that, for the present at least, the constitutional provision which requires that German be exclusively spoken at the session should remain intact.

To this the English-speaking congregations, who had been invited to meet in session in Grace Church, refused to give their consent, and in view of this fact the question has been dropped for the time being.

To meet its friendly spirit for the English body, the German Synod voted \$2,000 for the support of St. John's College, Winona, Minn., an English institution, and indicated that if further assistance is needed it will be forthcoming. It also pledged it all the English Synod in a general way to further the cause.

In the discussion of the question yesterday it was clearly intimated that the members of the German Synod realize that it is only a question of time when they will be compelled to speak English, but sentiment "more than anything prevents this change being established until it is forced upon them."

No services will be held in any of the English Evangelical Lutheran churches to-morrow. Instead, the several congregations in the Lutheran Union will hold mission festival in grounds No. 1 in O'Fallon Park, where some of the foremost ministers of the denomination will be present. Among the speakers and addresses are the Reverend Doctor Bellman of Concordia College, Coopersburg, N. C.

Supper and a large meal and 250 o'clock meals being served on the grounds by the women of the several congregations.

It is thought that the affiliating German congregations will take part in the service and a large crowd is expected. The collection which will be taken up at the time will be devoted to mission purposes.

### NEWS FROM THE CITY CHURCHES.

The Reverend Josephus Stephan Devers. Illustrated Sermons.

The Reverend Josephus Stephan, pastor of Marvin Memorial M. E. Church, South, has introduced an innovation in the Sunday evening services at his church which has succeeded in attracting a large congregation. His plan is to illustrate his sermons with stereopticon views pertaining to some gospel truth and closing with an evocative appeal. The songs are illustrated and are sung as solos, quartets and by the congregation.

The Reverend Doctor and Mrs. McMurry have returned from Denver, where they attended the Epworth League Convention. Doctor McMurry will occupy his pulpit in Centenary Church at both services to-morrow.

The Reverend A. L. Whittemore, president of Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., has been engaged to conduct evangelistic services in the Litchfield Mission tent at Twenty-second and Locust streets, beginning to-morrow. He will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

The Reverend J. Twyman Boyer of Cook Avenue Presbyterian Church will exchange pulpits to-morrow with the Reverend J. Layton Meuse of Central Presbyterian Church.

A social will be held on the lawn of Olive Branch Congregational Church next Monday.

The Reverend Frank Foster of North Presbyterian Church will exchange pulpits to-morrow with the Reverend William Smith of Memorial Congregational Church.

Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church will hold an ice cream and lawn festival under the auspices of the Ladies' Society to-day.

The annual picnic of Curby Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held at the Carondelet Beach to-day.

The evening service to-morrow at Lucas Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be held in the open at the Channing Avenue entrance. In the event of rain a song service will be held in the church.

An open-air service on the river front at the foot of Iron street will be held at 6:30 to-morrow evening by the Reverend J. H. Gauss of Carondelet Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend S. I. Lindsay, State Superintendent of the Antislavery League, will speak to-morrow evening at Baden Presbyterian Church.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC.

"Preparing for Our Heavenly Home." (Phil. 3, 20; 2 Thess. 1, 8-10, 13-16.)

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

In the first place, we need to remember that heaven is our home, and not this earth. Those that are most familiar with the migratory birds declare that their sole business in the northern latitudes seems to be the rearing of a family. As soon as the young birds can fly, the parents turn their thoughts southward again, to the dear, warm, sunny homeland. Thus, to the Christians, heaven is only a home, where the forms of character and strength its wings for a flight to the better country beyond the cold and the storm.

Such thoughts of heaven as often come to the Christian fill his life with joyful anticipations. We are like the old woman in the poorhouse, where the minister said to her, "What would you do if you had a child?" When asked the cause of her fear, she answered, "Oh, sir, I was just thinking what a change it would be from the poorhouse to a home, and the thought made well nill us with rapture in the midst of earth's greatest trials."

It is not that the quietness of heaven alone makes the real result so wondrous; but the parents that on returning to France from India, the sailors of his ship became castaways, and the mother of the two sons that were lost at sea, when she heard of their fate, gazed longingly at the approaching shores, they put on their best clothes, some tucked valubly, others were torn, and the rest were torn, according to the custom of the day, to make a shawl for sailors to bring the ship to shore. So, we could see more distinctly the enchanting shores of heaven.

But, we say, we are very poor, we do not get ready for heaven, if we forget it, if we do not in some way relate all our living to this great and permanent change that is to come. We must, then, be prepared to be a place of happiness. We can prepare for heaven, however, by accustoming ourselves to heavenly activities. And when we do,

First friendships. Are the associations in which we most delight those with the meek, the kind, the patient, the gentle, who are in the kingdom of heaven? Then we are preparing ourselves for the companionship of heaven.

Next, ambitions. Are our hopes, our aims, our ambitions, a wealth of future or worldly fame? These all pass away like a breath, even if we gain them. Only one ambition has basis in heaven, the ambition to win God's approval. And when we do, we shall be the permanent voice of ease and calm.

Then, employments. We do not know just what we will be to do when we get to heaven, but we must be prepared ourselves for our work there by doing the work here that God picks out for us and no other work. And it is human dependence on our own power that keeps us back with fears some day into the glad realization of this picture drawn by the poet Wernher:

On, on, and thence and aspares,  
Action in the light.  
To manna that too far for your joy,  
We cannot bear to eat, but we dwell  
At home the great nations share;  
The light of the Lord and all he is  
Shall be the world's one mine.

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES.**

The list of services regular and special services to-morrow is as follows:

WILLMAR AVENUE (Dinner and Potluck).

THE REVEREND JOHN J. BREWER, Pastor-Sunday school, 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. services.

THE REVEREND J. T. M. JOHNSON, Pastor-Morning and evening services by Mr. W. L. Boyer.

GRAND AVENUE (The Reverend A. M. COMPTON) BREWER, St. Paul and Compton: Morning and evening services.

MAPLEWOOD (The Reverend W. L. Neal, Pastor-Morning and evening services).

THE REVEREND D. C. WILCOX, Pastor-Morning and evening services by the Reverend C. Wright of North, Conn.

THE REVEREND W. J. WILLIAMSON, D. D. Pastor-Morning and evening services by the Reverend Doctor J. G. Greene of William Jewell.

WATER TOWER (Grand and Pleasant): the Reverend D. H. Williams, Pastor-Morning.

WATER GROVE (No. 411 Norfolk) 2 a. m. Sunday school, M. H. M. services; 7 p. m. services.

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